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9. NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU A VERY PLEASANT STAY IN DUBROVNIK WHICH YOU WILL VISIT NOW, IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA AND IN YUGOSLAVIA. I NOW DRINK TO YOU, MR. SPEAKER, TO MRS. ALBERT WHO UNFORTUNATELY HAS BEEN PREVENTED FROM JOINING US AT THIS LUNCH, AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TOAST ALL THOSE PRESENT IN THE NAME OF COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES.

10. SPEAKER CARL ALBERT: MR. VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. MARKOVIC, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNMENT OF CROATIA, COLLEAGUES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. FIRST OF ALL, MAY I SAY THAT WE ARE SADDENED THAT YOUR PRESIDENT IS ILL AND DUE TO THAT ILLNESS WAS NOT ABLE TO JOIN US TODAY. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL GIVE TO HIM OUR BEST WISHES FOR HIS SPEEDY RECOVERY.

11. WE ARE PLEASED THAT OUR VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA COULD INCLUDE A VISIT TO ZAGREB, THE BEAUTIFUL CAPITAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA. WE HAVE WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU AND WE HAVE APPRECIATED HEARING FROM YOU. YOU, AND YOUR DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT WHO ADDRESSED OUR GROUP THIS MORNING, HAVE GIVEN US MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT THE WONDERFUL UNCLASSIFIED

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THIS PART OF OUR WORKD.

12. IT HAS BEEN SAID OVER AND OVER AGAIN HERE, WHILE WE HAVE BEEN HERE, THAT AMERICAN OF CROATIAN ORIGIN

HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE HISTORY AND CONTEMPORARY LIFE OF THE UNITED STATES. I THINK OF NIKOLA TESLA IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, AND COUNTLESS OTHER NUMBERS OF SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF CROATIA HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENRICHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. FOR THAT WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL. WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL. WILL YOU STAND UP, MRS. ESCH? (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE.) ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR DELEGATION WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY UNLESS WE HAD A CROATIAN WIFE IN OUR MIDST.

1" THE TIES BETWEEN CROATIA AND AMERICA RUN TWO WAYS. OUR BUSINESS FIRMS ARE REPRESENTED HERE. AMONG THE MOST NOTABLE ARE: THE PRESENT DOW CHEMICAL PLANT AND EXPECTED CONNECTION BETWEEN YOUR OWN FIRM INA AND WESTINGHOUSE COMPANY. WE HAVE A CONSUL GENERAL IN ZAGREB WHO ASSURES A CONTINUING, DIRECT AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN AFFAIRS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND YUGOSLAVIA. WE CAN ASSURE YOU THAT BOTH HE AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL WILL WORK IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE TO IMPROVE THE COMMERCIAL, BUSINESS, CULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. OUR LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTER WILL PRESENT, WE HOPE, TO THE CROATIAN PEOPLE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF OUR WON COUNTRY. WE HOPE TO BE AMONG THOSE WHO DEVELOP THE TOOLS OF INDUSTRY IN YOUR COUNTRY, BUT WE DON'T WANT TO LIMIT OUR CONTEXT TO OUR TOURISTS AND OUR LIBRARIES. WE WOULD LIKE YOU, ONE AND ALL, TO COME OVER AND SEE US TOO.

14. OUR PURPOSE IN COMING HERE WAS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN AMERICAN CONTACTS WITH YOU, YOUR COUNTRY AND THIS GREAT REPUBLIC OF YOUR COUNTRY. WE ARE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR KIND HOSPITALITY. WE SHALL LEAVE YOU AFTER ONLY A VERY SHORT VISIT WITH RELUCTANCE BUT WITH WARM MEMORIES OF YOUR BEAUTIFUL
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CITY. WE GO ON TO THE DALMATIAN COAST TO VISIT YET ANOTHER PART OF YUGOSLAVIA AND THE PUBLIC OF CROATIA. I NOW INVITE ALL MY COLLEAGUES AND MY FRIENDS, ONE AND ALL, TO RAISE YOUR GLASSES WITH ME TO OUR GRACIOUS HOST AND HOSTESS, OUR CROATIAN FRIENDS ASSEMBLED AND REPRESENTED, TO THE CROATIAN REPUBLIC AND TO HIS EXCELLENCE PRESIDENT TITO, SON OF CROATIA - ONE OF THE ESTEEMED LEADERS OF THE WORLD. ZIVELI*
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